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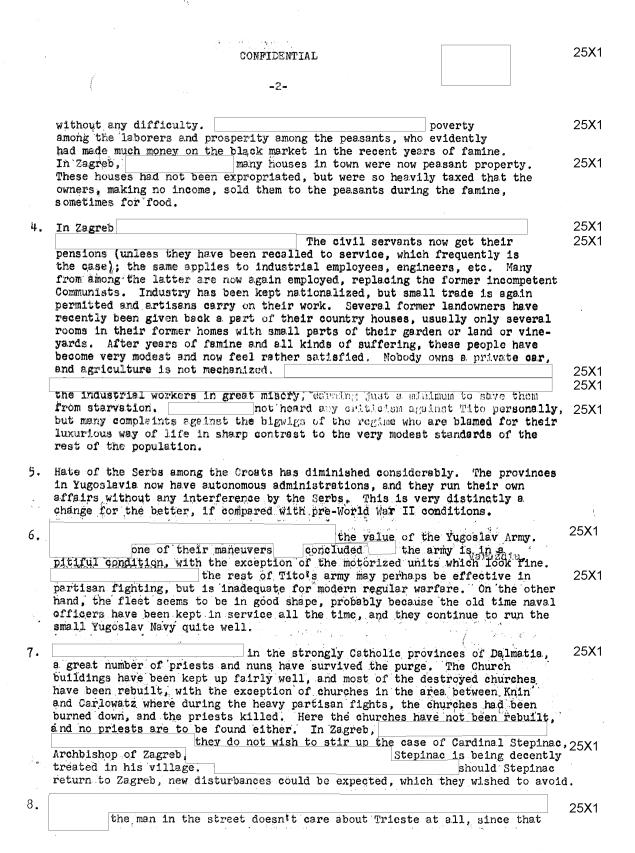
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	port was competing with Flume and other Yugoslav ports which the people consider as of greater importance to themselves. the Trieste problem could be settled if the Government could be induced to pay a sum for it sufficient to properly equip the Fiume harbor. The people do not want trouble (neither political or economic) of which they have had enough. They would be happy to see the Trieste problem peacefully settled, particularly if the financial	25X 25X 25X
es Tar ∎	situation of the government could thereby be eased, since there is a serious apprehension among the Yugoslavs that their welfare state might go benkrupt. The people's evaluation of the Yugoslav regime is in general quite realistic; they are aware of the fact that Socialism is a costly experience and can only be maintained with foreign aid.	
9.	two weak points in the present Yugoslav situation;	25 X °
	with the regime which might become dangerous particularly if Muscevite Gommunists would succeed in organizing and exploiting it. b. In case of war, particularly with Russia, the Yugoslav Army would not live up to expectations and would probably distribute grateline for both these reasons. Tito will have to do everything to avoid a conflict with these	
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